**Post:**

The link to my open source video editing softwares: <http://jackinsundown.blogspot.com/>After analyzing the free softwares I was a little discouraged. I have worked with Adobe Premier Elements, Adobe Premier Pro, and Adobe After Effects, so I do have some experience in video editing. If I based my evaluation on previous learning, the free programs do not compare to the proprietary programs. If I had never edited video, I would most likely find Windows Movie Maker to be a very simple and easy to use video editing program. Although it doesn't have a lot of "bells and whistles", it is sufficient for basic video editing. The other software I compared was Zwei-Stein. Zwei-Stein is an attempt to be a full featured video editing software. If you choose not to purchase a proprietary program, Zwei-Stein is a good choice. The learning curve is significant, but the potential is there. I did learn a great deal from evaluating these softwares. If you can justify paying the price for a good video editing program like the ones Adobe offers, you will outgrow what the freeware programs offer. Bottom line is...how serious are you about video editing. The freeware programs will suffice for educational purposes, such as what most educators will use. If you become a serious video editor, you will most certainly want to go with the proprietary programs.   
Video has a great deal of value for educators. Students are very visual in the 21st Century learning environment. Educators should incorporate this learning tool in their repertoire of tools.

**Responses:**

Getting an error message .... could just be my computer.

Thanks Hope. I got it fixed. I owe you one.